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ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES.

The Marshall Association convened with Clear Spring church November 2, 1889.

Introductory sermon by Bro. P. J. Corley. Text, 1 Cor. 8:6., followed by Bro. S. T. Collier.

After one hour for refreshments, the Association was called to order. Prayer by Eld. H. C. Reed.

The former Moderator being absent, on motion, Bro. H. C. Reed was chosen Moderator pro tem.

Letters were then read by Bros. Wilbanks and W. L. Casey, under appointment by the Moderator, and delegates with letters were enrolled as follows, viz:

Albertville—J. G. Medlock, Newman Shirey.
Bethany—J. S. Robertson, J. A. Teal, W. K. Bobo.
Blue Spring—W. D. Kimbrough.
Clear Spring—D. W. Brown, S. F. Smith, D. B. Smith, Eld. W. L. Casey.
Rock Spring—W. H. Lyons, N. C. Denham, A. R. Casey, W. C. Goodwin, Eld. W. J. Collier.
Beulah—J. P. Gillespie, Rev. G. M. Milner.
Hopewell—H. J. Phillips, Eld. J. E. Bagwell.
Mt. Olive—M. N. Gregory, W. A. Duvall, H. H. King.
Mt. Vernon—J. J. Dodd, Jos. Creel, C. D. Wright, E. M. Lassiter, John Randall.
New Macedonia—R. W. Roe.
Pleasant Grove—W. A. Lee, Z. M. Teal, David Teal.
Pleasant Hill—B. F. Jenkins, J. A. Oden.
Shiloh—S. S. Love.
Shoal Creek—N. P. Clark, J. T. Ellenburg.

Elected Rev. G. M. Milner, Moderator, and N. P. Clark, Clerk; Bros. Wilbanks and Thompson acting tellers.

The Moderator, on taking his seat, called for visiting ministers and brethren and received Rev. I. M. Thompson, from Ebenezer Church; S. T. Collier, O. P. McDonald and H. C. Reed as visitors, and Bro. Wilbanks as messenger from Cherokee Association.

PETITIONARY CHURCHES.

New Canaan, Morgan county—W. F. Childress, G. W. Thomas.
New Canaan, Cullman county—Benjamin Maze.
Bethsaida—J. M. Brown and W. Z. Davis.
Pleasant Hill, Etowah county—E. Tidwell.
Mt. Hebron—L. W. Teal and Wm. Teal.

The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to messengers from new churches in behalf of the body.

C. W. Hare, editor of ALABAMA BAPTIST, and Dr. D. I. Purser, agent of Howard College, were then received as representatives of the same. D. I. Purser was also received as a member of the Mission Board.

Delegates and letters were then received and letters read from Gillem Spring—P. M. Williamson, J. F. Kelly, Eld. P. J. Corley. New Friendship—James Jarnigan.

Brethren Gregory, King and Denham were then excused for the day.

The Moderator appointed committees, viz:

On Devotion—E. M. Lassiter, W. C. Goodwin, and deacons of Clear Spring church.
Missions—P. J. Corley, Joseph Creel, D. W. Brown.
Sabbath Schools—J. E. Bagwell, W. D. Kimbrough, J. P. Gillespie.
Temperance—R. W. Roe, J. J. Dobbs, H. J. Phillips.
Education—W. D. Kimbrough, ——Teal, W. D. Duvall.
Publications—E. M. Lassiter, J. Randall, W. L. Casey.

Received report of committee on Devotion for to-night and to-morrow, as follows:

Preaching to-night by I. M. Thompson; alternate, Eld. H. C. Reed. Sunday morning 9:30 o'clock, Sunday-school addressed by Eld. R. W. Roe; alternate, J. E. Bagwell. 11 a. m., missionary sermon by Dr. D. I. Purser; alternate,——Wilbanks.

Adjourned to 9 a. m. Sunday.

SUNDAY.

9 a. m. The Association was called together by singing, devotional exercises conducted by Eld. H. C. Reed.

9:30. Sunday-school addressed by Rev. R. W. Roe, followed by Rev. C. W. Hare.

Intermission for ten minutes.

Called together by singing.

Missionary sermon by Dr. D. I. Purser from Mat. 21:8: "To what purpose is this waste?" Collection of $16.40 taken up.

Intermission one hour for refreshments.

Reassembled to hear Rev. M. R. Taylor. Text, James 1:18.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock Monday morning. Benediction by M. R. Taylor.

MONDAY.

8 a. m. The Association opened with prayer by Rev. C. W. Hare.

Read, corrected and adopted minutes of Saturday and Sunday.

Called for, received, read and adopted the report of the Executive Committee, as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Executive Committee, beg leave to report that we have done nothing.

E. J. Bagwell,
J. P. Whitman,
S. S. Love,
Committee.

Treasurer's report read and adopted from committee on Treasurer's Report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1888.	Dr.		
Nov. 5.	To cash from Finance Committee for minutes	$20 65	
	for missions	32 05	
	for State Missions	5 00	
	for Home Missions	4 70	
	for Foreign Missions	6 10	$68 50
1889.			
Mar.	To cash from Beulah church for missions	$ 5 00	
	Rock Spring church for missions	1 50	
June.	Rock Spring church for missions	50	
	Beulah Spring church for missions	2 60	$78 10
1889.			
	By cash paid out for missions—State, Home and Foreign	$25 40	
	to Clerk	10 00	
	for minutes	11 00	$46 40
	On hand for missions		$31 70

G. M. MILNER, Treas.

November 4, 1889.

Appointed correspondents:

To Cherokee Association—Elds. P. J. Corley, E. M. Lassiter, S. T. Collier, Joseph Creel and C. D. Wright.

Etowah—Revs. W. L. Casey, J. M. Brown and W. J. Collier.

Warrior River—Rev. O. P. McDonald and Eld. J. E. Bagwell.

On calling for correspondence to Mt. Carmel Association, Rev. P. J. Corley, a former correspondent, reported that the messenger of this Association had withdrawn as messenger from the Mt. Carmel Association, as they could not endorse the assertions set forth in the report of the evangelist and adopted by the said Association.

On motion, the action of our messenger was sustained. (For report of Evangelist and resolution of withdrawal see appendix.)

Suspended regular order of business to hear report on Education, which was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

After investigating the condition of Education in the borders of this Association, we regret to say that we are far behind on this subject. We regard the present system inadequate to the emergency. Therefore we recommend that all parents in the bounds of this Association do all in their power to render all possible aid in building seminaries of learning in our midst as we believe that education is essentially necessary to the study and understanding of the scriptures. We believe that education is essential to the ministry that we may be able to keep abreast with other denominations. We recommend the use of good religious literature, such as the ALABAMA BAPTIST, of Montgomery; the Christian Index, of Atlanta, Ga. We further recommend that all Baptists should patronize the Howard College at Birmingham, Ala., the Judson Female Institute at Marion, Ala., and most especially our college at Walnut Grove, Etowah county, Ala., conducted by our highly esteemed brother, W. J. Adams.

Respectfully,

W. D. KIMBROUGH,
for the Committee.

Dr. Purser gave an interesting lecture on the above institutions of learning and set forth the necessities of Howard College in feeling and forcible terms.

Heard and adopted report on Publications.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee on Publications call the attention of the Association that next to the Bible the importance of putting in all our homes good books

and papers. The world is to-day flooded with impure reading that is proving the downfall of many young men and women. Religious books and papers can and will largely counteract that evil.

We recommend to your confidence the American Baptist Publication Society at Philadelphia, where all classes of Baptist books and pamphlets are furnished at the lowest possible prices. All their publications are handled by the Book and Bible Depository at Marion, Ala.

Every Baptist family in Alabama should subscribe for the ALABAMA BAPTIST, as that is our State organ and the champion for all our enterprises. By reading that paper we learn to know each other better and to work more in harmony for the Master's cause. The ALABAMA BAPTIST is published at Montgomery, Ala., at $2.00 per year; to ministers, $1 50.

We also recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, Richmond, Va., where we can get a proper idea of our foreign missionary work.

E. M. LASSITER,
for Committee.

Leave of absence was then granted to delegates from New Canaan, Morgan county, and Bros. Williamson and Kelly, of Gillem Springs.

Intermission one hour for dinner.

Reassembled. Prayer by Bro. Lassiter.

Elected Executive Committee and Treasurer. Executive Committee: W. D. Kimbrough, Eld. W. J. Collier and W. L. Casey. E. M. Lassiter, Treasurer.

Appointed the following delegates to the State Convention: Bros. W. C. Ward, P. J. Corley and W. D. Kimbrough.

Appointed district meetings: First district—Friday before the first Sunday in August at Mt. Vernon. Second District—Friday before the fifth Sabbath in August at Rock Springs.

Heard and adopted the following report:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions report that the mission work was never more encouraging than at the present time. Hence the need of men and money was never more pressing.

The State Mission Board, located at Selma, with W. B. Crompton, of Marion, as Secretary, is doing all that is possible with the means furnished by the churches to supply all destitute neighborhoods, villages and towns in the State with the gospel of Christ. This board also collects and forwards the money to the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. God's blessing on our work, both at home and abroad, has been very great during the past year. Prospects for the future are very encouraging. Our own State is being filled with people coming from all the States of the Union as well as from nearly every nationality in the world. Therefore we recommend to our churches that they do all they can to raise funds to aid our State Board in the prosecution of its work here at home as in its work in aiding other boards.

We further recommend that all our pastors be requested to preach on missions and to take up regular quarterly collections, thus helping our boards, also developing our churches to greater Christian activity and growth in grace.

Your committee also feel that this Association is brought under lasting obligations to our highly esteemed brother, Dr. D. I. Purser, for his able discourse on the subject, in setting forth the sublime truths of God's word in advancing the spirit of missions. We feel thankful and gratified at the result which followed said discourse with a liberal contribution to the mission cause.

Respectfully submitted, P. J. CORLEY, Ch'n.

Report on Sunday-schools adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We find but few churches reporting Sunday-schools. Surely we are not ignorant of the great importance of Sunday-schools and obligations we are under to teach our children the Scriptures. Every member of the church should recommence this work with renewed energy and enthusiasm. We suggest that the pastors of the several churches go to work at once and organize Sunday-schools at all their respective churches and do all they can to stimulate the brethren to their work. We further recommend that this Association be divided into about five Sunday-school districts and that each district be required to hold a Sunday-school aniversary at one of the churches each year, as we think that this would inspire a greater interest in the Sunday-school cause.

REV. J. E. BAGWELL, Ch'n.

Bro. P. J. Corley was granted leave of absence for the balance of the session.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We feel glad to say that the time is now at hand that the cause of temperance is being urged by almost all Christians; not only temperance but total abstinence. For this evil which has been a curse to our race from the earliest history, the Oriental monarchs and kings of three thousand years ago, became unfit to rule their people by indulging in this sin of intemperance. Their kingdoms and provinces came to naught. They finally crept into drunkard's graves. They not only lost their honor, their integrity, their kingdoms and all their higher ambitions to which they should have aspired, but we fear have lost their souls in a drunkard's hell. Three-fourths of all crimes committed is traceable either directly or indirectly to ardent spirits. Our jails, penitentiaries, chain gangs, insane asylums, are filled from its effects. Every poor mother that has looked into the pallid face of her poor, drunken boy—the first dram causes this. Then as those who profess the name of Christ, count up the cost of this waste. Then let us live soberly and righteously in this present world and we will think that total abstinence is the only sure hope for our people. Therefore let us resolve, that we, as Baptists, abstain from the use of ardent spirits. Touch not, taste not, handle not the unclean thing, and teach our children this great Bible truth, and that we neither aid nor assist in the sale of intoxicating liquors by signing petitions or bonds which is against Baptist principles.

REV. R. W. ROE, Ch'n.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE. (See Page 8.)

Report of committee on Nominations was read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Introductory sermon by C. C. Collins; alternate, W. J. Collier.
Sunday-school, by G. M. Milner; alternate, S. T. Collier.
Missionary sermon by Rev. P. J. Corley; alternate, E. J. Barksdale.

L. M. TEAL, Ch'n.

Committee on Documents submitted the following, which was adopted:

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

After examining the letters sent up to the Association, we find nothing claiming our attention except Mt. Olive requests to be transferred from second to first district. We submit the re-districting of the churches as follows:

First District—Albertville, Beulah, Bethany, Bethsaida, Mt. Hebron, Mt. Olive, Mt. Vernon, Pleasant Hill (Etowah county), Rehobeth, New Macedonia and Shiloh.

Second District—Blue Spring, Clear Spring, Gillem Spring, Rock Spring, Hopewell, New Canaan (Cullman county), New Canaan (Morgan county), New Friendship, Pleasant Grove, Pleasant Hill (Blount county), and Shoal Creek.

The delegates from the Mt. Hebron church requested the Association to meet with their church on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1890. We recommend that their request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. Casey, Ch'n.

Report of committee on Finance was read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We find on examination, the Treasurer's report correct and supported by proper vouchers. S. S. Love, Ch'n Com.

Report of committee on Deceased Ministers was read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

We have no knowledge of the death of any one of our ministers—none having been reported to this Association. Respectfully,

N. C. Denham, Ch'n Com.

On motion, suspended regular order of business for prayer by father H. C. Reed to Almighty God for His boundless mercies in sparing the lives of all our ministers another year.

On motion, paid the clerk ten dollars of minute fund for his trouble and expense in having the minutes published and distributed.

Resolution by W. D. Kimbrough was adopted:

Resolved, That all new churches making application for membership in this Association, shall send up with their application a certificate signed by the Presbytery of the organization.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to Clear Spring church and vicinity, for their hospitality and kindness shown to us during our stay among them.

Adopted.

On motion, it is ordered that all moneys held over from last year for associational purposes be turned over to the Executive Committee, to be used in the bounds of this Association in such manner as the committee may deem best.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That we, the ministers and messengers of this Association, try to raise twenty-five cents per member, in our churches for the various mission purposes the ensuing year.

On motion, adjourned, after prayer by Eld. W. L. Casey, and sang "Beautiful Land," giving the parting hand. And thus, after a most harmonious session, in which there was not one dissenting voice or vote, ended the second session of the Marshall Association, to meet with Mt. Hebron church on Friday before the second Lord's day in October, 1890.

Rev. G. M. MILNER, Moderator.

N. P. Clark, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

Report of Eld. F. J. Rigney, Evangelist of Mt. Carmel Association:

Beloved Brethren: Could you be made to see the great disregard that is given to the Bible, and what little heed is paid to its teachings by some of those of our own brethren in the ministry with whom we are surrounded, you would be made to realize that upon us, to a large degree, and each of us individually, the world must depend for the pure word of God. May the consideration of these facts lead you to a full trust in God and His Word, that we may leave to the world and our children the heaven-born legacy—a pure church and a pure gospel.

After considerable discussion the report was accepted.

Then your messengers offered the following, which was adopted:

To the Brethren of the Mt. Carmel Association: We the undersigned correspondents from the Marshall Association, failing fo see the report of your evangelist in the same light as you, beg leave to withdraw as correspondents from this Association.

S. T. Collier,
W. J. Wright,
P. J. Corley.

Request granted.

Afternoon the report was reconsidered and amended, as follows:

AMENDMENT.

"So as to read after the word 'us' and to all of our brethren who believe the word of God as we do."

Adopted.

Your correspondents considered the amendment more arbitrary than the original, therefore could not return as correspondents.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	For Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Previously sent Missionary Board.	Total for Missions.	Minute Fund.
Beulah	$	$ 60	$ 2 90	$ 70	$ 7 60	$11 80	$ 2 00
Mt. Zion							
Clear Springs							1 20
Albertville		4 00				4 00	1 25
New Macedonia							30
Bethany							75
Pleasant Hill		3 00				3 00	1 25
Shoal Creek		5 00				5 00	90
Mt. Olive							1 25
Hopewell		5 00				5 00	1 00
Pleasant Grove		2 00				2 00	1 10
Shiloh							40
Rock Springs		4 00				4 00	2 00
Mt. Vernon							1 20
Gillem Spring							1 40
Rehobeth							
New Friendship		1 00				1 00	50
New Canaan, Morgan county							1 00
New Canaan, Cullman county							50
Bethsaida							1 20
Pleasant Hill, Etowah county							65
Mt. Vernon			4 60			4 60	1 50
Blue Spring							50
W. P. Goodwin		2 50				2 50	
I. M. Thompson		1 00				1 00	
Amount collected	16 40						
Totals	$16 40	$28 10	$ 7 50	70	$ 7 60	$14 10	$22 55

RECAPITULATION.

Minutes	$22 55
Missions	16 40
State Missions	28 10
Foreign Missions	7 50

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES OF MARSHALL ASSOCIATION—1889.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POSTOFFICES.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.	S. S. SUPTS.	POSTOFFICES.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Sabbath of Mee ing.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismis'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total Membership.
Clear Spring	R. W. Roe	Lot	W. P. Goodwin	Sidney	T. A. Casey	Sidney	20	....	10	5	2	1	..	..	82
Bethany	"	"					....	3d	1	..	..	4	..	..	127
New Macedonia	"	"	J. R. Mayo	Lot			....	2d	....	..	..	4	..	..	19
Beulah	"	"	J. J. Bishop	Marshall			....	..	2	10	..	4	..	..	81
Hopewell	J E. Bagwell	Sidney	H. J. Phillips	Strawberry			....	4th	4	4	6	9	2	1	53
Pleasant Grove	"	"					....	1st	....	..	..	8	1	..	29
Mt. Vernon	G. B. Wade	Aurora	J. R. Brandberry	Albertville			....	..	29	16	..	13	1	1	130
Albertville	"	"	L. S. Emmett	"	L. T. Emmett	Albertville	10	..	7	9	1	3	..	..	96
Bethsaida	"	"					....	....	3	..	1	11	..	..	....
Mt Olive	E. J. Barksdale	Albertville	W. C. Ward				.	2d	11	1	1	8	..	..	59
Mt. Hebron	C C. Collins	Friendship	W. A. Phillips				...	1st	17	1	..	..	..	.	71
Pleasant Hill	"	"	B. F. Jenkins				....	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	23
Pleasant Hill (Etowah)	D. P. Carr	Boaz	E. Tidewell	Boaz			....	2d	8	8	..	..	..	..	26
New Friendship	Jas. Jamison	Grassy	W. Rowe	Ragsdale			....	3d	....	..	..	4	7	..	24
Blue Springs	J. P. Oden	Fowler	W. D. Kimbrough	Fowler			.	....	1	..	..	2	1	..	29
Shiloh			J. H. Haley	Bartlett			....	..	3	..	..	9	3	1	12
Gillem Springs	M K. Taylor	Grassy	J. W. Rigsby	Arab			...	1st	....	..	..	9	2	1	49
New Canaan (Morgan county)	H. C. Reed	Summit	D. S Criswell	Getup			....		13	12	1	2	..	..	36
Shoal Creek	J. S. Phillips	Warrington	N. P Clark	Arab	N. P. Clark	Arab	72	4th	11	12	1	1	2	1	50
New Canaan (Cullman county)	W. A. Mann		B. Maze	"			...	3d	....	4	..	..	..	..	45
Rock Spring	W. J. Collier	Hyatt	W. C. Goodwin	Hyatt			....	....	10	..	3	3	4	2	121
Totals							....	..	127	84	16	94	27	7	1126